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Applicant: Roy A. BLACK *et al.*
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Title: CRYSTALLINE TNF- α -CONVERTING
ENZYME AND USES THEREOF

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84
TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, applicants respectfully request and petition for the acceptance of color drawings. Figures 2a and 2b depict solid surface representations of the catalytic domains of TNF- α -converting enzyme and matrix metalloproteinase-3, respectively. Colors, various shades of red and blue, are used to illustrate the electrostatic surface potential of each portion of each domain. Since no other way of representing surface potential is available, applicants request that the color drawings be accepted.

As directed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, Applicants enclose the following:

- (i) the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and
- (ii) a black and white photocopy of the color drawings.

37 C.F.R. § 1.84 also requires three sets of color drawings. Applicants previously filed a petition for the acceptance of color drawings filed in the parent application of USSN 09/611,722, now abandoned. With the prior petition, applicants provided three sets of color drawings. In view of the cost of preparing additional color drawings, applicants request that the patent office utilize the color drawings previously provided in USSN 09/611,722 for the instant case.

In further compliance, applicants have amended the specification to recite the following:

--The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of necessary fee.--

Respectfully submitted,

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